

Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting
7:00 pm
Tuesday, February 5, 2019
Town Offices

Selectboard: Chair, Steve Dupoise (via SKYPE), Vice Chair, Kathy Barrett, Taborri Bruhl, John Roleau, Jim Walsh, Treasurer, Barb Torian and Clerk, Pam Kingman

Visitors: Road Foreman, Tim Rich, Bruce Many, Doug Tolles, Eric Boise and Cindy Hill

****Adjustments to the Agenda:** John Madden / Bike Loop / Tolles, Moncrief & Tonzola Court status / Mt. Abe School budget / Doug Tolles

ROAD REPORT Given by Road Foreman, Tim Rich and Rd Commissioner, John Roleau

1. **Road Update:** Lots of complaints about the dirt roads because of the weather: lots of freeze and thaw. John said he received many calls to compliment the crew on their hard work.
2. **Equipment Update:** Tim said they are having an issue with the culvert thawer; the company that makes it has gone out of business. They are having a tough time finding the part to fix it. As of now they have Tim Goyette looking for the part. Tim Rich has contacted Huestis Farm Supply in Bridport; they have a new culvert thawer in stock for \$5,200, and they also supply the town with a loaner if the one you purchase is down. Tim is hopeful Tim Goyette will find the part to fix the current one, and get us through this season.
3. DOT Physical – CDL drivers must have a medical certificate to drive for the Town. The cost for the physical is approximately \$120. Currently the town does not pay for the physical exam.
Kathy Barrett made a motion to pay for the DOT Physical for full time employees, seconded by John Roleau. Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no Barb Torian recommended the Personnel Policy be updated to include this information. Kathy Barrett said she would work on that.
4. PACIF Grant for safety equipment for the road crew. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to submit the PACIF Grant, with a match of up to \$2500, seconded by Kathy Barrett. Discussed trying to maximize to the full amount of this matching grant. Taborri and Kathy withdrew their motion. This is deferred until the next meeting.
5. Sidewalk maintenance: John Roleau has been plowing the sidewalks for many years. He has found his newer equipment is too big. He got chewed out for

tearing up someone's lawn. He suggested Linda Sleeper do them with the town's snow blower. Pam Kingman will contact her to see if she will be interested.

6. Other:

- Flood barriers and signage may be covered in the PACIF grant.
- John Roleau recognized all those who helped out during the recent flooding on January 31, 2019.
- Recycling – possible relocation: The road crew has had some issue if they have to come in on a Saturday, there are so many people trying to get to recycling, and they're not paying attention; it is getting dangerous. It is even worse if the Fire Dept. has a call during the same time. Discussed other options to relocate recycling. Possibly move to the Town Office parking lot. Pam Kingman will talk to Louie from R & L Rubbish about possibly re locating.

VISITORS BUSINESS:

1. **Donald Johnston** – Harpur Crewe survey update – defer until the next meeting
2. **Doug Tolles** reflected on the Selectboard's minutes from January 22, 2019. He refuted some of Nick Tonzola's statements in regards to Hallock Road and the road access Tolles installed in 2016 (?). Tolles said the runoff is on the east side of Hallock Road because the road slants 2 degrees to the east. John Roleau agreed with Doug and said no culvert was needed.
3. **Kathy Barrett - The Tolles / Moncrief & Tonzola court case:** Kathy didn't ask for executive session because she knows it won't stay in executive session. Kathy asked the Board if they wanted to continue being a party to the case. All felt it was a good idea to monitor it, but not become involved. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to continue to monitor the Environmental Court case between Moncrief & Tonzola / Tolles case. Seconded by John Roleau. Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve the **Grand Fondo Bike Race** through New Haven on Saturday, June 28, 2019; requiring a certificate of insurance. Motion seconded by Jim Walsh. Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
2. **Liquor Licenses:**
 - Jim Walsh made a motion to approve the liquor license for R.L. Vallee d/b/a Maplefields for 2019. Motion seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
 - Jim Walsh made a motion to approve the liquor license for Lincoln Peak Vineyard, LLC for 2019. Motion seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

3. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to accept the resignation with regret from Zoning Administrator, Katie Raycroft-Meyer. Motion seconded by Kathy Barrett. Kathy Barrett said she has discussed with Katie the possibility of her continuing to work on the zoning by-laws with the Planning Commission, to fix the things that really need work. Also discussed that the advertisement for the Zoning Administrator needs to be advertised right away. Kathy had reached out to PC Chair, Benj Putnam about putting the ad out now, but he would not go out on a limb before discussing it with the rest of the planning Commission. The PC meets on Monday, Feb. 11, 2019. Also discussed possibly making the zoning part of a Town administrator position, and making it full time. Steve Dupoise said over the next 30 days or so, he will talk to other towns that have a town administrator, to gather more information. Jim Walsh doesn't understand what a Town Administrator would do. Taborri Bruhl thinks it's a great idea; this person would pick up things so they don't fall through the cracks.
4. Town Hall grease trap was replaced on Saturday, February 2, 2019; the town portion is 70% of the cost. The office has not received a bill from the school as yet.

TOWN OFFICES:

1. **Town Hall applications:** none
2. **Key lock for Town Hall:** Defer until next meeting.

ONGOING:

1. **Town gravel pit inventory** – defer
2. **Town Hall emergency lights** - defer

MINUTES:

1. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve the minutes from 1/22/19, seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

FINANCIAL:

1. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 1/26/19, in the amount of \$7,278.05, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
2. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 2/2/19, in the amount of \$5,764.15, seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
3. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the pay orders for the week ending 2/4/19, in the amount of \$38,998.94, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

- 4. Kathy Barrett made a motion to approve the pay orders for 2/5/19, in the amount of \$236.48, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
- 5. Budget status report / Bank Statements

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- 1. **Mt. Abe School Budget** - Jim Walsh handed out copies from the MAUSD budget presentation on 1/29/19. The school budget is going up approximately 10%.
- 2. **John Madden** – has filed reconsideration suit in regards to the furnace in the Town Hall. The court has dismissed it, but Madden may keep filing.
- 3. **Mike Winslow from the Tri town bike Loop** has asked for a couple of people from the committee to represent New Haven. Steve Dupoise made a motion to appoint Larry Buck and Doug McKain to the Tri Town Bike Loop Committee, seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

OTHER:

Taborri Bruhl made a motion to go into executive session at 8:15 pm for a discussion with Town Attorney Cindy Hill. Motion seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

Taborri Bruhl made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:52 pm, seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote taken by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
No action taken

Adjourn: 8:53 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved on 2-19-19

Chair, Steve Dupoise

Kathy Barrett
Vice Chair, Kathy Barrett

Taborri Bruhl

John Roleau

Jim Walsh